

in California, killed by an illegal alien; Derek Kichline in Pennsylvania, far from the border, killed by the head of the Latin Kings in town; Mollie Tibbetts, in the heartland of the country, killed by an illegal alien. Read the story about Nilsa Padilla, whose three little girls watched an illegal alien beat her to death, chop up her body, dispose of it, and then went on to kill their youngest sister, a little toddler. Then he left the country and was never brought to justice, as far as we know.

How much longer? How many more? We have seen record numbers this year alone at the border of illegal aliens coming into our country and imperiling and endangering our citizens. It is our job. We take an oath to defend them. I think you get the point, Madam Speaker.

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#### HONORING THE SACRIFICES OF JOHN EADE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) for 5 minutes.

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American soldier, Staff Sergeant John Eade, a native son of Toledo, Ohio, of whom our citizenry is very proud and eternally grateful.

As our Nation approaches Veterans Day 2021, I enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the poignant story to honor John and his treasured colleagues for their superhuman valor. They are all heroes.

John, as a highly wounded Vietnam veteran, persevered and led a distinguished life as an architect and chief of the city of Boston's inspection division.

Our Nation must revere his lifelong valor in the face of overwhelming odds, terrible slaughter, and wounds endured from the deadliest single-day battle in the Vietnam war.

Sergeant Eade is held in the highest esteem by everyone who knows him. He is a trusted confidant, a faithful friend, a true patriot, and a very humble Purple Heart recipient. He would not seek that recognition for himself but would be thinking only of his comrades.

In November 1965, John was deployed to Vietnam as a fire team leader in the ill-fated 2nd Platoon, Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division.

On November 14, he and his team were sent as reinforcements to the Battle at Landing Zone X-Ray in the Ia Drang Valley made famous by the movie "We Were Soldiers."

On the morning of November 17, Sergeant Eade and his small team were marching to Landing Zone Albany. Only minutes after arriving, two much larger North Vietnamese regiments ambushed his unit.

As the North Vietnamese swarmed them through the trees, John's platoon was pinned down in ferocious hand-to-hand combat.

Sergeant Eade quickly rallied three of the only remaining soldiers able to fight: Wilbert Johnson, Barry Burnite, and Oscar Barker, Jr. Together, they fought valiantly to hold their position against the attacking Vietnamese.

Their plight was unfortunately short-lived. Burnite was struck in the chest by shrapnel, and Johnson pulled him to a position of cover to save him. The two men fought until Burnite died and Johnson was killed.

As the fighting continued, John was shot multiple times and sprayed with shrapnel. Barker tended to John's wounds. The rest of the platoon had already been killed. John urged Barker to leave him and retreat, but Barker refused. Moments later, Barker was killed.

Soon after, a napalm strike was dropped on John's position, leaving him severely burned. Weak, but still alive, John managed to roll in the dirt and extinguish the flames that had engulfed him, yet he continued his efforts to hold his position.

That afternoon, John was surprised by enemy soldiers, shot in the face, and knocked unconscious.

Despite the overwhelming odds and the horrific life-threatening wounds he had received, John refused to withdraw and continued exposing himself to the onslaught through the night, including throwing grenades with his remaining good arm. When dawn came, he was grievously wounded but remained alive.

Three days later, he was discovered by a recovery unit and awarded the Purple Heart for his massive sacrifice for our Nation. I believe to my core John and several of the men in his platoon have not been appropriately recognized for their valor.

It is for this reason I and my colleagues have nominated him for the Distinguished Service Cross.

John is now 78. He has lived with severe injuries sustained in battle that impacted him throughout his life and are impacting him now.

His reflections on life as a soldier and an American hero remain largely personal, but his valor endures. He is a soldier still, as he is now scaling another battle related to his wartime service.

He is handling this with such dignity, resolve, and even good humor. One can observe the raw courage that those of us who know him have witnessed through his life.

John, what a truly great soldier you are in the military and in life. America salutes you for your unyielding valor and for your deep patriotism.

No matter the challenge, you and your life are the very definition of courage. May God bless you and your fallen comrades, for surely you have blessed America.

#### RECOGNIZING FLETC PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers' Peace Officers Memorial Day Ceremony.

Each year, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers engrave the names of graduates who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty during the previous year.

This ceremony commemorates another year that has been distinguished by extraordinary law enforcement achievements but, unfortunately, has been marred by tragedy and personal loss.

We must always remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting and serving our community.

Sadly, a total of 263 FLETC graduates have paid the ultimate sacrifice since 1970. Tragically, we have had to add another 22 names for last year alone.

Behind each and every one of these names there is a son, a daughter, a husband, a mother, or a relative who misses their loved one.

To all of our police officers and Federal law enforcement officials, thank you for your service to our communities and God bless you.

I hope that my colleagues will take some time to thank these courageous individuals who work to keep us all safe.

#### REMEMBERING AND HONORING ANN ERNST

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to remember and honor Ann Ernst of Savannah, Georgia, who sadly passed away on October 5 at the age of 93.

Ann attended Chatham County public schools and Armstrong Junior College and graduated from Valdosta State University with a degree in biology. Following graduation, she worked at a research lab studying malaria transmission and control.

Throughout her life, she was involved in teaching and inspiring the Savannah community. She served as curriculum director at Hancock Day School and taught children with learning disabilities at the Royce Learning Center.

Cherished by the Savannah community for her contagious laughter and love of life, Ann's immense impact was felt by everyone she knew.

I am thankful for Ann's lifetime of service, and I know her legacy will be forever treasured.

My thoughts and prayers are with her family, friends, and all who knew her during this most difficult time.

#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PHARMACY WEEK

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize this week as National Pharmacy Week.

Today we honor pharmacists and technicians across the Nation. During

this week, I would like to recognize all pharmacists across the United States who ensure that Americans have access to important and often lifesaving medications.

Every day pharmacists are directly involved in patient care, and pharmacists are the most accessible healthcare professionals in the country. Ninety-five percent of Americans live within five miles of a pharmacy.

From administering flu shots to COVID-19 vaccines, pharmacists are a vital resource in our communities, and they will continue to play an active role in combating the virus. Because of their hard work, lives will be saved.

Madam Speaker, I encourage everyone to get to know their pharmacists and to thank them for the work that they do.

As a pharmacist currently serving in Congress, I thank all pharmacists around the world. We can look forward to a brighter future because of them.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING DR. JAMES POLK  
"JAY" BRINSON, III

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor former Wayne County superintendent, principal, and coach, Dr. Jay Brinson, who sadly passed away at the age of 51.

Jay was proud to be a graduate of the Wayne County School System and was a devoted Yellow Jacket throughout his life.

After graduating from Wayne County High School in 1988, he would return to the school for a 29-year career. During this time, he was a coach, a teacher, and an administrator with a personal mission to give back to a community that he believed invested so much in him.

He retired as superintendent of Wayne County schools in March, leaving a lasting impact on his students.

Above all, Jay was a man of dignity who led by example.

I am thankful for Jay's service to Georgia's First Congressional District, and I know his legacy will remain.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all who knew him during this most difficult time.

#### CONGRATULATING CHIEF BRYAN REYES ON HIS RETIREMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. RUIZ) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career of Palm Springs Police Chief Bryan Reyes, who retired after nearly 30 years of service to our communities.

A veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Chief Reyes began his career in law enforcement as a reserve police officer for the Compton Police Department in 1991.

After transferring to the Palm Springs Police Department in 1993, he rose through the ranks, serving as an officer, detective, sergeant, lieutenant, and captain before ultimately becoming police chief.

Chief Reyes has had a lasting impact on the Palm Springs community and has led the department through difficult times.

On October 8, 2016, during the first year of his tenure as chief of police, Palm Springs Police Officers Lesley Zerebny and Gilbert Vega were tragically killed in the line of duty.

Chief Reyes recognized the devastating impact this would have on the department, community, and the officers' families. In this difficult time, he prioritized the mental health needs of those affected, and his guidance brought us all closer together.

I am honored to have collaborated with Chief Reyes in authoring legislation to commemorate the tremendous sacrifice made by Officers Zerebny and Vega that day. Named in their honor and inspired by our local police officers at the Palm Springs Police Department, the Heroes Lesley Zerebny and Gilbert Vega First Responders Survivors Support Act would get families of our fallen heroes the support they need and ensure they have every opportunity to succeed in life.

During his more than 6 years of leadership, Chief Reyes strengthened the department's community policing in neighborhoods and expanded engagement with residents and community organizations.

Further, he has received numerous accolades for his incredible leadership, including lifesaving medals, the officer of the year award, and the community heroes award.

Chief Reyes' 28 years of tireless and dedicated work for the Palm Springs community is a testament to his outstanding leadership, character, and commitment to the well-being of Palm Springs residents.

I have no doubt that changes brought about under his leadership will continue to improve the lives of Palm Springs police officers and the entire Palm Springs community.

On behalf of the great people of California's 36th Congressional District, thank you, Chief Bryan Reyes, for all you have done for our community. Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement.

#### EXTRADITION OF ALEX SAAB

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. SALAZAR) for 5 minutes.

Ms. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, for those who enable murderous dictators, the United States system will find you in this life or the next, and this is the perfect example.

For Alex Saab, the plunderer of Venezuela, justice for his crimes against humanity will be swift and without mercy.

Why? Because over the weekend we learned that Saab will finally be extradited to the United States.

He tried to claim diplomatic immunity, but he is not a diplomat. He is not a politician. He is just another thug for the Venezuelan regime.

Saab was Maduro's leading front man and his number one money launderer. He is a drug trafficker who is responsible for flooding American streets with cocaine. He helped finance the worst crimes and the most appalling human rights abuses committed by the Maduro regime in Venezuela in the last 15 years.

So it is no surprise that Maduro, the dictator, has pulled out all the stops to try to prevent his extradition to the United States, but he could not.

In the meantime, earlier this week, six American executives, American executives in Venezuela, known as the Citgo 6, were sent back to a cruel political prison for no reason.

The regime arrested these men on bogus charges in 2020 with no justification. Now, with no explanation, Maduro has condemned these innocent American executives to rot in a Venezuelan prison.

Why? Just one reason: retaliation because Maduro doesn't like this picture.

This is a classic tactic of tyrants. If Maduro thinks that he can make a prisoner exchange, he needs to wake up and realize that the United States does not deal with dictators. So the Citgo 6, six American executives, need to be released now, unconditionally.

Unfortunately, Maduro right now is panicking because his top confidant will soon be facing trial in an American court of law, and he will say many things that Maduro doesn't want us to hear.

Today, the victims of the Maduro regime in Venezuela will finally have some justice, but we, as a Nation, cannot stop until Venezuela is free of this satanic nightmare called the Maduro regime.

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#### RECOGNIZING LIBERTY UNIVERSITY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CLINE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Originally founded by Dr. Jerry Falwell, Sr. as Lynchburg Baptist College in 1971, its first classes were held that September for its 154 students.

Over the years, the college has grown and transformed in many ways, but has always remained a Christian academic community practicing the traditions of evangelical institutions of higher education.

The school was renamed Liberty Baptist College in 1975 and became Liberty University in 1985.

Now, Liberty University is one of the largest private nonprofit universities in the Nation and the largest university in Virginia, boasting more than 95,000 total undergraduate and postgraduate students, both in person and online.